

# vision for mission checklist

*A checklist for assessing suitability for funding, as well as the nature of covenant, evaluation and ongoing support.*

**Establishment, development and nurture of new ventures in ministry and mission that clearly demonstrate a commitment to the values and objectives of the Vision for Mission, with particular regard to:**

- Developing initiatives in ministry and mission with a focus on cultural or common-purpose groups
- Using relational approaches to evangelism that equip people to actively share their faith in Christ in appropriate and intentional ways
- Providing opportunities specifically designed to help people grow in their faith and become active disciples of Christ
- Making significant connections, and intentionally building relationships, with individuals and groups in the wider community in a variety of settings
- Establishing new congregations or faith communities and supporting them in whatever ways are necessary to ensure their continuing growth and effectiveness
- Encouraging and supporting new and innovative approaches to ministry and mission, particularly where these are undertaken collaboratively, ecumenically, or by groups and teams of people
- Maximising the use of owned properties, including shared use by congregations/faith communities, other agencies of the church, community groups and other Christian denominations.
- Exploring the potential advantages of renting property.
- Considering creative alternatives to the employment of fulltime persons.
- Continuing to develop and support initiatives in community service that pursue justice for, and enhance the quality of life of, the aged, the poor, the homeless, the refugee, those with a disability, and other disadvantaged people in our society.
- Offering continuing training, formation and support for those evidencing the personal qualities, skills, maturity and spiritual gifts for leadership that are essential for the realisation of the Vision.
- Attending to generational differences and allowing for youth and early adults to embrace, and participate in the realisation of, the Vision in ways appropriate to their experience, giftedness, and preferences for the manner in which things are done.

## **Demonstration of**

- Capacity to carry out project (Stories from existing work)
- Grassroots ownership of project (endorsement from key players)
- Sustainability plan (planning beyond VFM funding)
- Replicability (capacity for principles of the model to be transferred)
- Commitment (would something happen, even without VFM funding?)

